

# News & Notes

## January 22—29, 2012

Brooklyn Park Evangelical Free Church  
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### ALL-CHURCH CORNER

#### Numbered Offering Envelopes Are Here

Stop by the table in the Foyer to pick up your envelopes. If you would like to sign up to receive envelopes, there is a sign-up sheet there, too. Thanks for your patience in waiting for them to arrive!

#### Angel Tree Update

We recently finished our 8<sup>th</sup> season of Angel Tree Ministry. In 2011, we served 24 families of incarcerated individuals. We purchased and distributed 98 gifts to 49 children. Because of the unbelievable cash donations, we were able to buy storybook Bibles for all of the kids. It is such a blessing to be a part of this ministry to see how much love is given and received.

My thanks goes out to all of the many volunteers who:

- purchased and wrapped gifts.
- set up and tore down the fellowship hall for the party.
- worked at the party.
- delivered the remaining gifts after the party.
- made phone calls to all of the families.
- attended the party and brought goodies for all.

Thanks to my wife, Linda, for the beautiful table decorations, and to Corrine Rucks for providing the Christmas craft. The ministry was a success because of God's love shown by everyone involved. I personally thank God for continuing to bless this ministry. I look forward to 2012 to see what God has in store for the Angel Tree Ministry.

— Tom Grose

#### In-Betweeners ABF

If you are 55 years and older, you are invited to join the In-Betweeners ABF on Sunday mornings in Room 112/113 at 10:30 AM as Jim Cullen teaches lessons from the book of Esther. We also have a time for fellowship with good treats at the beginning of class.

#### Immigrant Support Group

The group will begin again with leader Cecil Bropleh on Tuesday, February 7, at 7:00 PM. This spirit-filled support group will study the Bible to apply God's Word to life and provide support for hurts and issues related to past experiences from war and suffering. The first study series will be *Good and Godly Attitudes*.

#### Our Sympathy to . . .

- Diane Regehr and family of the passing of her uncle.
- Phil and Bev Deming on the passing of Bev's aunt.

#### Extra Offering Envelopes?

If you don't use the offering envelope found in the Bulletin, please drop it off in the basket at the Information Desk—we'll reuse it! Thanks.

#### Please Let Us Know

Please fill out a Prayer Card or notify someone in the Church Office if there is a birth/death in your family, if someone is hospitalized, or if someone is having surgery.



#### CARE MINISTRIES

Parish Nurse, Judy Petersen  
Ext. 30, [jpetersen@bpefc.org](mailto:jpetersen@bpefc.org)

#### Support Groups

New sessions begin this Tuesday, January 24, 7:00 PM.

- **First Place** (weight-loss and healthy living)
- **Divorce Care** (for those divorced or separated)
- **Encouragement Group** (for those living with chronic pain/illness) 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of each month
- **Grief Share** (for those who have lost a loved one) **NOT** meeting this winter session at our church, but you are invited to go to Maple Grove Free Church, 8585 Rice Lake Rd., Maple Grove, 55439. You can register at [www.griefshare.org](http://www.griefshare.org). Course begins on Tuesday, February 14, at 6:30 PM.

#### Prayer Shawls

Prayer shawls are available for you to give to your friends and loved ones. They are intended to be a reminder of God's love to the person you share it with. Please see Judy or the Office Staff and we can help you pick out a shawl for you to give away.

#### Medical Response Team

We would like to have a medical person/s available to help in cases of medical emergencies we might face in the church. Please email Judy if you have an idea or interest in helping with this team: [jpetersen@bpefc.org](mailto:jpetersen@bpefc.org).





## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Pastor David Durey, Ext. 13  
Barbara Sweany, Leader

### Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study

Now is a great time to join us for a new study on Thursday mornings from 9:30—11:30 AM. We will be studying *Jonah*, by Priscilla Shirer. Childcare is provided.



## LIVING PROOF

Student Ministries Pastor  
Nate Miller, Ext. 15

### Weekly Events

**Living Proof**—Sundays, 10:30 AM, Youth Room

**Small Groups**—Wednesdays, 6:30 PM, Youth Room

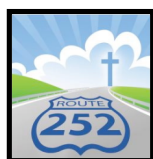
### Upcoming Special Events

**1/29 Snow Tubing at Elm Creek:** 3:30—6:00 PM, \$12, meet there.

**2/3 Cub Foods Fundraiser for Challenge:** 4:00—9:00 PM, South BP Cub, must be 15 years or older; close-toed shoes; no ripped jeans.

**2/17-19 Grades 10—12 Winter Retreat at Lebanon:** \$95. Bring your iPod, listen to music, play broomball & games, and be in a video contest.

**For the current Youth Events, see a Calendar or [www.BrooklynParkChurch.org/youth](http://www.BrooklynParkChurch.org/youth).**



Pastor Leane Gondek, Ext. 27  
Leanne Klein,  
Assistant Director, Ext. 38

### Awana Calendar

January 25 — Stuffed Animal Night

February 1 — Team Color

### 1st Upward Sports Game Day!

You are welcome to join us for the first ever Upward Sports Basketball Game Day at Brooklyn Park Church! Games will run from 9:00 AM—1:00 PM and begin on the hour. Come support these kids and see how much fun learning about basketball AND Jesus can be!

### Pinewood Derby Time!

K—Grade 6: It's almost time for the Derby! Cars are available for \$7 at the Route 252 Kiosk. There are also sign-ups for workshop days if you need help cutting out your car. The Derby is open to all kids in Kindergarten—Grade 6 and Sunday AM and Wednesday leaders.



## MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK

**Dave and Cathrin Osterhus**

Jakob and Jana

EFCM Austria

**They work with the Austrian youth.**

**Today is the last day of the world's first "Youth Olympic Winter Games" being held in Innsbruck. Dave has led an outreach to the many visitors to Innsbruck and the surrounding area.**

### Praise God For:

- The three small teams that have come to help us with the outreach to the Youth Olympic Games.
- The visitors we've had so far at our Youth Café and for the good conversations we've had with them.
- The many contacts we have made during our Olympic Outreach. Pray that God will continue to water the seeds we have planted.

### Pray For:

- Many more kids to show up and spend time with us at the Lighthouse Youth Center.
- The Christian youth to come and bring their friends.
- God to continue to bless our street outreach and that people will turn to Jesus!
- The Lighthouse to be known by youth as a great, safe, fun place to hang out, where they can be themselves and experience God's love!
- The after-school ministry; that many kids will stick around longer in the Café and invite their friends to join them.
- God to bless and use the Lighthouse to draw many youth to Himself.



## ADULT BIBLE FELLOWSHIPS

**Mosaic:** Singles/Marrieds, All Ages. Meets at 9:00 AM, Room 112/113.

**Salt:** Parents of pre-teens through young adults. Meets at 10:30 AM, Room 114.

**In-Betweeners:** Singles/Marrieds, 55+. Meets at 10:30 AM, Room 112/113.

**Prime Timers:** Singles/Marrieds, 70+. Meets at 10:30 AM, Room 108/109.